

REMARKS

I. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 23 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 92/19616.

II. Summary of the Response

Applicants have canceled claims 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer, and will pursue the subject matter contained therein in a separate continuation application.

Applicants wish to expedite prosecution, thus, acknowledge that claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-21 and 26 are in condition for allowance.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 23 and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by WO 92/19616.

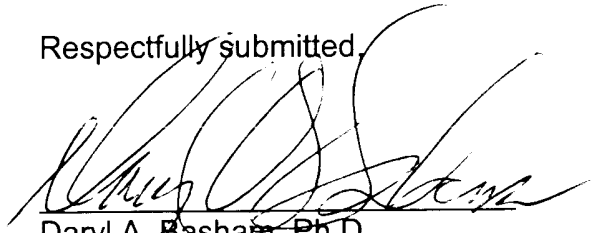
While not acquiescing to the reasoning offered by the Examiner, and to expedite prosecution toward allowance, Applicants have canceled claims 23 and 27-30.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and early indication of such is respectfully requested. If any fees are found to be applicable, please charge any additional fees or make any credits to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,



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